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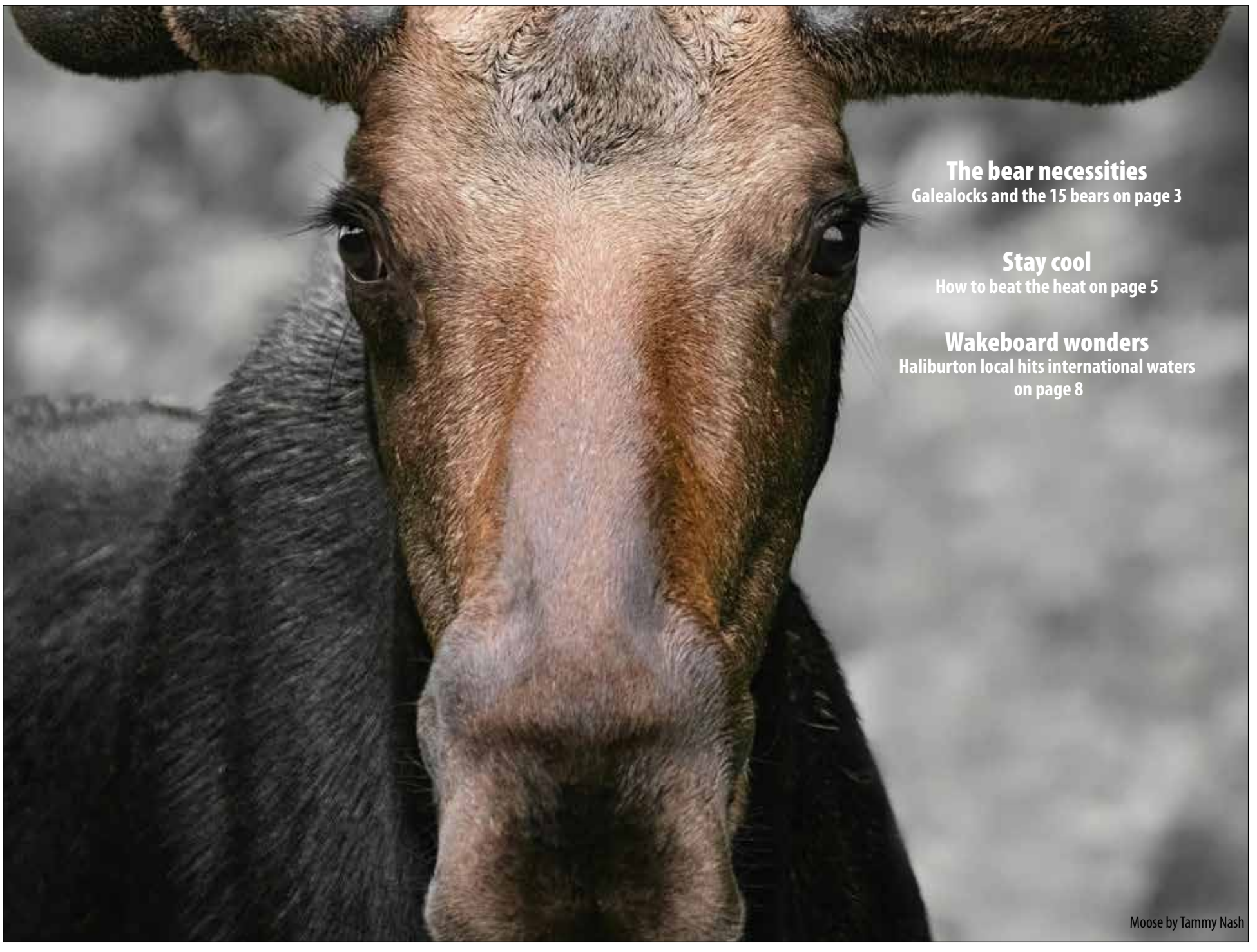

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Moose by Tammy Nash

Mystery 1:

The chamber pot

MY TWIN brother Thom and I are now officially ***THE DUST DETECTIVES!*** Thom's newest comic series, ***COLLECTORMAN!***, will show a senior time traveller helping his great-grandchildren identify mystery antiques. Our actual Pops is the superhero. He's been storing stuff in his hayloft for almost 80 years. Many things are even older than that! He'd brought those to Ontario from Newfoundland. Some once belonged to his parents, and even to the times before.

We start sleuthing today! We biked over to Pops' farm earlier this morning. He gets up with the sun. We see him tons since he lives only a kilometre away. Thom and I will take turns storytelling, but we'll always do our investigations together.

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

Pops already gave us permission to poke around his barn. He'll kick things off today by suggesting our first antique. We'll search for it, ask questions, then start guessing. *Hypothesizing* is harder to pronounce, so we'll say *speculating*. Pops will confirm our speculations, or else guide us some more.

When we arrive today, Pops is already in a silly mood. He's chatty, winking, and seems super pumped about our summer detective project. He doesn't know yet that we'll be giving him Thom's comic book when it's all finished. We hope it'll have at least 20 pages. Thom will photograph each antique, and illustrate our investigating using *speech bubbles*. We may not even figure everything out!

Pops' assignment for us is to locate something called a *chamber pot*. We're processing before we head to the barn: *What kind of chamber? Was this object used for cooking? For flowers? Storage?*

Pops bursts out laughing: *I'm not answering a single thing! But I will tell you that it looks like a giant white cup with a handle.*

So off we go to his hand-built barn, climb his hand-built ladder, and start looking around the hayloft through all his hand-built shelves and on top of every hand-built shipping trunk. *A giant white cup? More clues, please!!*

We spot painted vases, planter pots, saucepans, a slow cooker, two white matching mini wedding teacups, one huge blue tin mug full of toy glass marbles, and a shaving brush inside cream-coloured pottery with vintage printing on it. But not one single *giant white cup*. Until…***WOAH***!

High on a top shelf is something looking *exactly* like what Pops described. Thom's taller, stretches on tiptoes to take it down, and we try questions before we start speculating:

*Who'd ever want such a big tea or coffee? Plus this one's metal, so a hot drink would be out of the question. And in what chamber would such a pot be used? Miss Fields once mentioned that the word **chamber** connects to the French for **room**.*

Too many unknowns! We'd better take this to Pops and ask him directly. He blushes, and giggles out loud: *This, my dears, was once actually kept under beds in the chilly days before indoor plumbing…*

Thom and I quickly figure out the rest.

Author's Note

Our second read-aloud newspaper series for today's kids investigates and honours the generations before them. Past lifetimes were as meaningful then as our current realities are to us. Kids everywhere are naturally curious, and they love a good historical mystery. Everyone does!

Artifacts are not always recognizable to newer generations. In this series, twin detectives (you might recognize them from Series 1), apply their former teacher's learning approach to examine their great-grandfather's antique collection. There's a real photo every time, questions, speculation, informed answers, and hopefully, revived knowledge around what was once very important to our elders. Enjoy!

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Of bears and more bears

LAST WEEK, I visited B.C. for the first time and discovered that, at the place we were at least, there seemed to be more bears than people.

I'm still not sure if it was once the other way around and then the bears got hungry, but I do know that everywhere we went we saw black bears.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

Fortunately, they were very well fed. The incredible number of berries as well as the multitude of sea foods that they were able to forage off the beaches, streams, rivers, and ocean-adjacent wetlands, was more than enough to keep them uninterested in tourists. At best, they gave us a passing look as you walked or boated by them.

To be honest, it was a very comfortable arrangement. We nodded at the bears and the bears nodded at us. Which, with bears, is preferable to high fives.

Being that close to so many bears (on some days we saw as many as 15) dispels a lot of myths that we have been taught about them.

For instance, in my experience, not one of them is concerned with saddling me with the sole responsibility to prevent forest fires. And I appreciated that. Nor did any one of them break out and sing *The Bear Necessities* no matter how much I begged.

It also confirmed a lot of theories. They do indeed crap in the woods. And very frequently too. Although, to be completely honest, I could not tell if some of it came from hikers who got surprised by a nearby bear.

The most worrisome thing was that on every bear encounter we had, once the bears saw or scented us, they left – sometimes at a full run. To be honest, this left me a little offended. Usually, I only get these kinds of reactions at big box stores when I need a sales associate.

Now, I am not the most attractive man, but I've never scared anyone off with a look. Which led me to believe that it must have been the way I smelled.

Which was strange since I was showering every day and wearing Old Spice deodorant. Admittedly, I was eating a lot of local cuisine that featured garlic and onions, but most of these fleeing bears were at least 50 yards away when we first encountered them. Frankly, it was a bit insulting.

But then I realized that they probably recognized me as a fellow angler. Put that way, I understand it completely.

That's because the first thing an angler in a new place does is strike up a conversation with a local and ask for some advice and a few hints on where to fish. And that's off-putting.

Photo by Tammy Nash

Then we talk about the fishing back home and next thing you know you are showing a bear photos of the fish you caught last year – and, worse still, telling the long version of the fishing story. By this time, the local (whether it is a bear or human) has no options left. They either stand there and listen politely to the story and hope it is not going to be followed by another one. Or they look at their watch and say they would love to hear more but have an urgent appointment that they are late for.

And since bears do not wear wrist watches or carry phones, you can hardly blame them for running. Which is a shame, because I was about to regale them with the story of the trout I caught this spring.

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Message in a bottle

Out of this world

GREG J. ROE

Music Notes

HAVE YOU ever thought about what music you might want to have with you if you were stranded on a deserted, and preferably tropical island? What if you had the job of choosing music to send into space with the hope that aliens may one day listen to it and draw conclusions about the beings and the planet from which it came?

The recent NASA space mission, to the dark side of the moon, got me thinking about music, space travel and the task of choosing the music to send into space.

This was one of the tasks assigned to a NASA team led by Cornell Professor, Carl Sagan, in the early 1970s. Music was to be part of the time capsule that was going to be sent into space aboard the Voyager 1 spacecraft that was launched in 1977.

A veritable 'Message in a Bottle' being tossed into the 'Cosmic Ocean'.

Voyager 1 passed Pluto – still a planet at the time – in 1990 and left our solar system in 2004. As far as we know , it is still looking for someone to find and open 'the bottle.'

Of course, the technology of the 1970s was dramatically different than what we have today. It was before CDs and MP3s and 'Streaming'. As a result, what went aboard Voyager 1 was literally a Golden Record. More specifically it was gold-plated copper with an aluminium cover. The record includes both sounds and images that portray the diversity of life and culture on Earth. There are a variety of natural sounds like wind, surf, thunder, and animals as well as musical selections from various eras and cultures and, of course, a message from then President Jimmy Carter and the UN secretary general.

The music had to be representative of the Earth as a whole, and hence was a broad and eclectic range of choices. Bach and Beethoven got on the list twice and other inclusions were a Pygmy girl's initiation song, Peruvian panpipes and drum and Navajo chant and Indian Raga, music from the Solomon Islands and Melancholy Blues by Louis Armstrong and his Hot Seven. Canada is represented in the person of Glenn Gould playing a Bach fugue.

There was also a tune called *Dark Was The Night* by American blues man blind Willie Johnson (that one is worth an Internet search). Of course, there had to be a Rock 'n' Roll song and the choice was *Johnny B Goode* by Chuck Berry. The complete list can be easily found on the Internet.

To help the aliens that find the capsule there is a drawing that shows the record and a stylus and how to use it. A stylus was supplied with the capsule as well.

When researching for this article, I kept getting a comical vision of a bunch of ET type beings sitting around a rec room as one of them gets ready to put the stylus to the record. Their lives would never be the same!

I also found out that *Saturday Night Live* did a skit in their third season about the capsule that featured Steve Martin. In it, the aliens had found the capsule and played the record and sent a message immediately back to Earth, it read 'send more Chuck Berry'. Ah yes, it's only rock 'n' roll but they liked it!.

As far as we know, the capsule has yet to be found, but in today's world, I imagine all the aliens will have to do is to go to ' wherever they get their podcasts'.

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Writing on the Senior Side

Beat the heat

GAIL STELTER

County Life Contributor

My Uncle Bruce was always complaining of some ailment. He was a millwright by trade, but as long as I knew him, he never worked. His favourite saying was, "I suffered untold agony". His wife, Aunt Amy, my Mom's sister, worked as a salesclerk at Simpsons her whole adult life and supported him. (Yes, working at Simpsons was a bit of family tradition for the Hadleys, and I have been surprised to meet so many seniors who also have Simpson's stories.) We called him Uncle Buck. I thought that was because he gave us a dollar every time he visited, and as my mom would say, "lo and behold", I found out much later that Buck is a short form for Bruce.

One hot summer weekend, we were at a cottage on Lake Simcoe … a little house on an unpaved road full of similar cottages, and we had to walk down two streets to get to the lake. (I wonder if these little cottage neighbourhoods on Lake Simcoe are still there?) My mom, brother and I had been at the cottage for a few days with Aunt Amy, and on Friday, Uncle Buck was coming up for the weekend and bringing my dad with him. Uncle Buck had arranged to pick Dad up at a corner near where my dad was working. My dad was a few minutes late, and as he approached the corner, he saw Uncle Buck drive away. When Uncle Buck pulled into the driveway at the cottage, I ran out to meet my dad. He wasn't there, and I was so disappointed that I cried. My mom was annoyed, especially after my dad phoned to say what had happened. Later that evening, Uncle Buck was once again complaining, this time about how he couldn't handle the heat. He said, "I am suffering untold pain". My mom replied, "You may have suffered pain, but it sure hasn't been untold." The room went quiet.

I suffered the untold pain of winter, and it sure didn't stay untold. I thought of Uncle Buck and tried not to complain, but it was one of the longest, coldest winters of my life, and now and then I was Uncle Buck. I told myself, no worries, summer is my time, and it will be great. Today I am sitting inside in the air conditioning because it is too hot outside. Oh no, I will not be Uncle Buck. I love the heat when I go swimming. I love the shade of the afternoon and evening on my deck or at a campfire … And the point of the story is: Don't be an Uncle Buck. Don't complain about the heat … Beat the heat.

Before we talk about beating the heat, it may be prudent to understand extreme heat and its effect on seniors. The truth is that extreme weather can be more dangerous for seniors. According to the National Institute on Aging, hotter days can cause difficulty in the body's ability to regulate its temperature. This can be challenging for older adults who typically do not adjust as well as others to sudden temperature changes. Additionally, older adults are more likely to have chronic medical conditions that affect the body's response to temperature and to take prescription medicines that alter the body's ability to control temperature or sweat.

Older adults are at higher risk for heat-related illnesses and death. Factors that put older adults at greater risk may include:

- Health problems such as cardiovascular, lung or kidney
- Changes in skin caused by normal aging
- Any illness that causes weakness or results in a fever
- Taking drugs such as diuretics, sedatives, tranquillizers, and some heart and high blood pressure medicines that may make it harder for the body to cool itself
- Being on several prescription drugs at the same time
- Having obesity, being overweight, or being underweight
- Drinking alcoholic beverages

Being overheated for too long or being exposed without protection to the sun can cause many health problems. Heat-related illnesses include the following:

- Heat syncope is a sudden dizziness that can happen when you are active in hot weather. If you take a heart medication called a beta blocker or are not acclimated to hot weather, you are even more likely to feel faint.
- Heat cramps are the painful tightening or spasms of muscles in your stomach, arms, or legs. Cramps can result from hard work or intense exercise. Stop the physical activity you're doing and rest in the shade or in a cool building. Do not consume alcohol or caffeinated beverages.
- Heat edema is a swelling in your ankles and feet when you get hot. Put your legs up to help reduce swelling.
- Heat rash is a skin irritation from heavy sweating. It causes red clusters of small blisters that look similar to pimples on the skin. Your skin may feel itchy, or you may feel "prickly" tingling pain.
- Heat exhaustion is a warning that your body can no longer keep itself cool. You might feel thirsty, dizzy, weak, uncoordinated, and nauseated. You may sweat a lot. Your body temperature may stay normal, but your skin may feel cold and clammy. Some people with heat exhaustion have a rapid pulse. Be cautious because heat exhaustion can progress to heat stroke.
- Heat stroke is a medical emergency in which the body's temperature rises above 104°F. Signs of heat stroke are fainting; confusion or acting strangely; not sweating even when it's hot; dry, flushed skin; strong, rapid pulse; or a slow, weak pulse.
- Sun exposure, also known as sunburn, is a sign of skin damage due to extreme or long exposure.

Okay, we have been reminded, as we often are, that things change when we are living on the senior side. So how do we beat the heat?

Get out of the sun and into a cool, ideally air-conditioned place. Drink fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine. Shower, bathe, or sponge off with cool water. Lie down and rest. Go swimming or just put your feet in the lake. Read a summer novel in the cool of a basement or in the shade of a gazebo. I recently read *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt and, before that, *On Isabella Street* by Genevieve Graham. Read *Remarkably Bright Creatures* before you watch the movie on Netflix. *On Isabella Street* is a perfect summer read for baby boomers who grew up in Toronto. Read my story of being 16 and a summer-long camp counsellor at Camp Marygrove. Summer reads are fun and a wonderful way to beat the heat.

Don't be an Uncle Buck. Dance and sing in the shade, activate your blue mind and float in the lake. Eat your favourite ice cream every day, or maybe not every day, but lots of days. Beat the heat, and you too will be loving summer in the Highlands.

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The process

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

I'D DREAMED of being a newspaper editor for the majority of my life.

My first big break started when I was 16 - nearly 20 years ago now - when I was welcomed as a high school co-op student at the *Haliburton Echo*.

Under the mentorship of then-editor Martha Perkins, I dove into the world of community newspapers. I remember feeling like I was exactly where I was supposed to be - an elusive experience for a gawky teenager.

Fast forward 20 years, and I am the managing editor for three newspapers: the *Echo, the Times,* and *County Life*. As I've shared before, the *Echo* and the *Times* are dedicated to news content and interviews while *County Life* has been curated to be our feel-good paper.

This was an evolution that really started to take shape during the COVID-19 pandemic. While our regular papers generally aren't weighed down with heavy news, we wanted to create an exclusive place for art and culture, poems and stories.

I am often asked how I write so much each week. Between the three papers, I usually range between 6,000 to 9,000 a week - sometimes more in the summer months. Sometimes less in photo-heavy weeks.

But my process is quite simple for writing, week in and week out.

I find a place that makes me feel safe. A quiet cafe, a green velvet chair, a well-worn spot on the couch.

I usually require some sort of beverage. Often tea. I need my surroundings to have a sense of calm in order to give my mind an opportunity to stick close to the task at hand.

For the stories that are based on interviews, I pull out my notebook. I have never used a recorder. I find I am able to rely on both my memory and my pen to share the story through my lens, using others words.

I also always suggest writing a story as close to the time of interview as possible. When I enter an interview, even if it's a topic I've never once been drawn to, I tell myself that it's the most interesting story I've ever heard. I put up my blinders to the world around me, and I hone in on the story unfolding in front of me.

And then I tell that story. And as I do, the shackles of misunderstanding fall away, and I take pride in being the one allowed to share someone else's tales.

When I write my own editorial, sometimes I use music. Violin, piano, cello. Instruments that allow my mind to weave and wind around the thoughts I am etching into ink.

Other times it's silent, my mind completely black, as the words fall into place, one letter after the next, one foot in front of the other.

My process is varied. It pinches and pulls from my day-to-day, And sometimes, it's simply not there. I stared at this page for nearly an hour. The cursor blinking at me, teasing and taunting as I tried to put one foot in front of the other.

But no matter what, the words fall into place. The stories of our world, shared and captured and kept for as long as we value them.

To our readers, thank you. For choosing us, for telling the community you care by understanding their worlds.

And to all those doers and dreamers who chase the art of writing, I hope your process brings you joy, brings you peace, brings you purpose.

One foot in front of the other.

Top 10 reasons to buy green grapes

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

I LOVE green grapes. But the problem is they are getting more expensive every year. As a result, I don't buy them like I used to. There are times when we all splurge and buy a bunch, however.

Here are the top 10 reasons why people buy green grapes these days.

1. I want to know how the other half lives.
2. Hosting a Cleopatra-themed party.
3. Heard they were a good investment.
4. Looking to check another item off the bucket list.
5. Breaking in a new fruit bowl.
6. Company is coming and you want your trailer to look fancy.
7. Just got a reverse mortgage.
8. Found a place that sells individual grapes and rock-bottom prices.
9. Doing a nude sculpture of Kermit.
10. Want the kids to understand how much better life was when you were their age.

Listening

Branches swaying beneath a clay Sky, as Wind sweeps through the spaces between them,
the branches near the top of the tree, fraying into twigs, where a grey bird lands, silent and small,
followed by others from its flock that join it on the wobbling branch,
the spindly trunk of the tree, creaking in the Wind like a loose floor board,
or the hinge of an old door, that hasn't been opened in years,
I peer up at the birds, resting in the tree, from down here on the ground,
my boots sinking into pillows of Snow,
listening for the sound of chirps, trickling down from the branch, but the grey birds remain quiet,
nine of them, perched in a row, marveling that the branch doesn't snap,
as Wind barrels through the branches of the bare tree,
wondering what the weight of nine birds would be, light enough for the branch to hold, as I hold my Breath,
listening to a crow tearing Air with its screeches, watching as it flaps its black wings over
the stripped crowns of trees,
passing the row of grey birds that remain perched on their branch,
their feathers unruffled by the caws of the crow,
unable to frighten them away, so it could take over the tree, the branch remaining the domain of the
blur of grey birds,
so small, I could nestle one in the palm of my hand, wondering what the weight of a single bird would be,
light as Breath as it dissolves into Air, not taking it for granted that I can breathe freely,
waking and sleeping, my Breath never leaving me,
as I stand in the Snow beneath the creaking tree, hearing chirps, piercing Air, barely there,
like listening with your fingers to a Heart beating beneath a vein, I strain to listen to the chirps,
in the pauses between the crow's caws, the crow landing on a branch, three trees away,
announcing its presence,
drowning the chirping of the grey birds that remain on their branch,
the screeches of the larger bird unable to drive them away,
I listen in the pauses, to the fragility of the birds' chirps, wobbling on a branch, so thin it could snap,
but there they remain, guarding their domain as the crow screeches from another tree, as if it were shrieking,
Listen to Me,
but the grey birds ignore the bluster blowing over from the other tree, chirping their song instead,
fragile as Breath that trickles through Air, before it's swept away by the same Wind that blows through the
bare trees,
scattering notes of the birds' song that maybe the crow will hear,
if it pauses long enough between screeches, to listen.

Sylvie Kalenda

Glimpses of the past

Anything but a fliver at Miners' Bay

In early 20th century parlance, "fliver," was slang for a small cheap automobile. This snapshot from the Wunker family album shows a fancy automobile that understandably impressed a lot of people.

Preliminary research indicates that this automobile is a "Hudson Greater Eight", produced in Detroit in 1931 and 1932 . The grill and windshield suggest that it is the 1932 model. Regardless, it is a "top of the line" masterpiece, with white walled tires, and rumble seat.

RUSS WUNKER
Glimpses of the Past

Given the gas pump and Country Club ice cream sign in front of the store, the photo would appear to date from the early 1940s. It certainly would have been an exceptional vehicle to be coming through Miners' Bay during wartime. Several individuals are gathered around to view it. It was enough of a curiosity that this view was taken from an upstairs window of the main lodge building.

Local lore recalls that the first fancy automobile of note to travel through Miners' Bay on the way to Haliburton, was owned by Sir Sam Hughes. Sir Sam was the local Conservative Member of Parliament for many years, and served as Minister of Militia during WWI. In 1919, he built a country retreat on the shore of Eagle Lake. A couple decades later, his memorable McLaughlin automobile was eclipsed by this beauty!

Local wakeboarder hits international waters

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

For some, a debilitating injury would be enough to call it quits.

For West Guilford local and professional wakeboarder Harmony Meirik, it was just the beginning of a new chapter.

When the 21-year-old Maple Lake resident tore her ACL in 2024, she had a choice to make: Call it quits with the rigorous water sport, or give it everything she had.

Luckily for Canada, she chose the latter.

"I was out for the whole season," she recalled. "But I really think it made me more resilient. It's a tough mental game, but I focus on doing things the right way."

The injury came at a time when it seemed as though her professional career was just getting started. In 2023, she placed first in the Canadian Nationals for the 14 to 18 age range. She then went on to attend the 2023 World Championships in Portugal, winning the bronze medal for Canada.

The injury took place in 2024, on her own lake, with her own board. "I felt it," she said, "I knew something was wrong."

The athlete went to Buffalo for an MRI to skip the Ontario healthcare wait-times, and it was quickly noted that she had fully torn her ACL. She received care from the "Toronto Sports Doc", Dr. Jihad Abouali, who had been appointed the role of lead medical physician at the Toronto 2015 PanAm Games, and head orthopaedic surgeon at the 2022 Ontario Games.

West Guilford local Harmony Meirik, third from the left, has qualified wakeboarding for Team Canada in the upcoming Pan Am games in Peru. /submitted

Following a successful surgery and eight full months of rehabilitation, Meirik was ready to return to the sport she loves.

She first set foot on a wakeboard when she was 11-years-old. "But sometimes the progress feels slow," she said, noting that the practice season for an Ontario summer is only a few short weeks. She often competes against fellow athletes who are able to ride for the majority of the year in warmer climates; a goal she is working towards one day.

Meirik's most recent accomplishment came in early June, when she competed at Bocalaguna in Chapala, Mexico, donning the Canadian flag. Alongside Joey Gurr, Baye Hoctor-Duncan, and Hunter Smith, all individual wakeboarders from across the country, Meirik and the small but mighty team officially secured a spot for Canada at the upcoming Pan American Wakeboard Championships held in Lima, Peru in 2027.

But it doesn't stop there. Just because her team qualified, it doesn't mean she specifically will be representing the country next fall. "I have to keep training and pushing this summer," she said. "I'll be going to Nationals and also Worlds. I have to keep getting those points, and I have to keep winning."

Some would have seen the start of Meirik's 2026 season locally, as she was on Head Lake with her wakeboard in May. "I was on the water as soon as the ice melted," she laughed. "It was the first ride of the season, and it was a little chilly."

The duration of the summer will be dedicated to earning her spot at the upcoming PanAm Games. Held every four years, the PanAm games welcome countries from around the world to participate. The events are direct qualifiers to the Olympic stage. While wakeboarding is not yet an Olympic sport, Meirk hopes that it will soon be added to the roster of summer sports, and she will have a new goal to focus on: getting to that podium.

But she can't do it alone. She has a sponsor this year, Muskoka Boat Gallery, who is helping her travel around the world for the sport. And most importantly, she has her family. "My biggest fans," she said. "I'd like to give them that shoutout."

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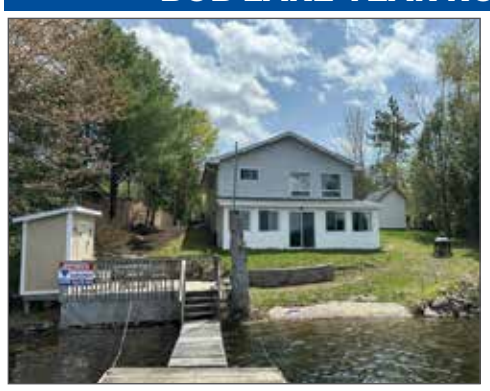

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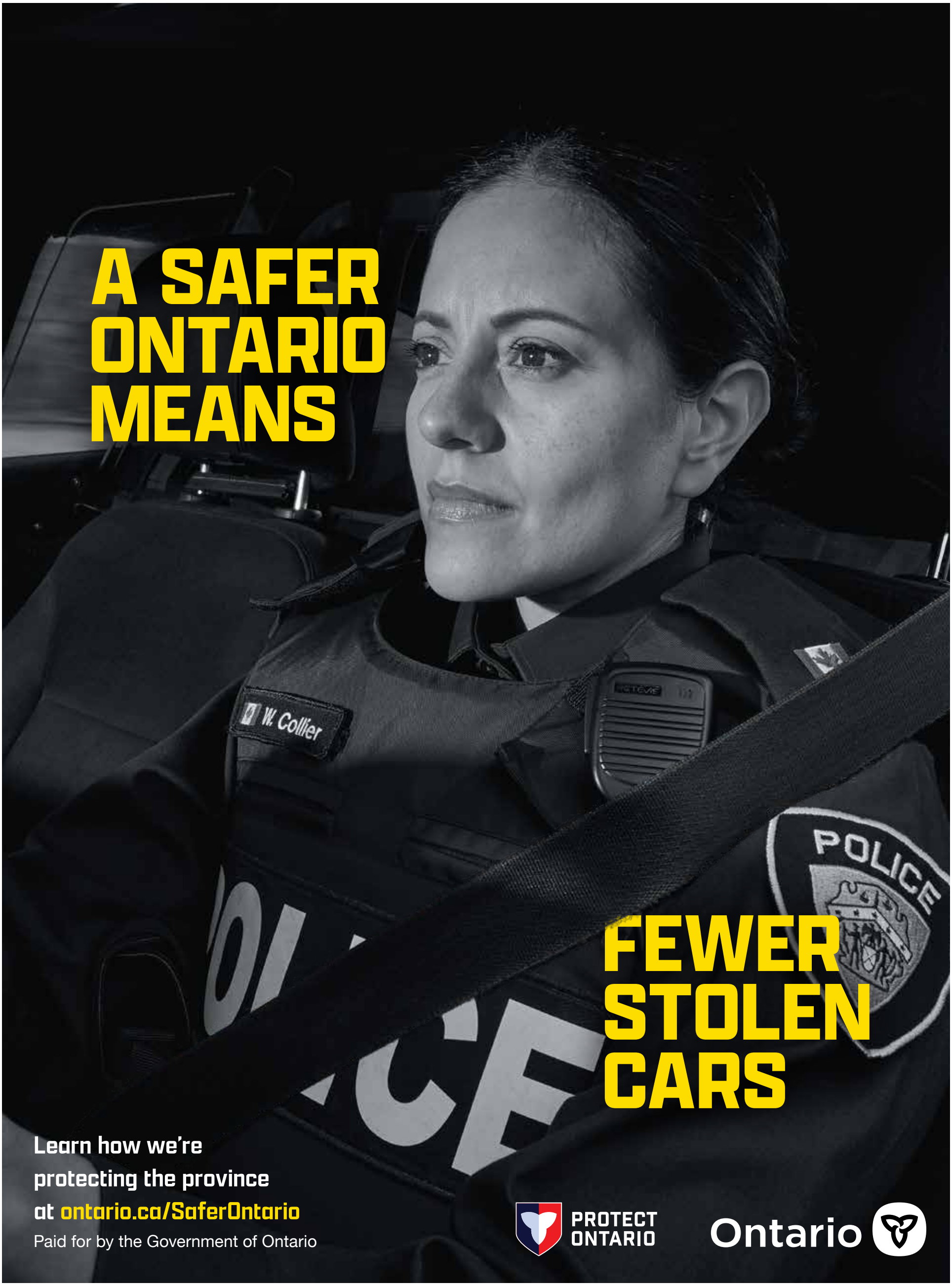
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Water quality protection about to become more challenging, expert says

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

With new improvements to septic systems and the withdrawal of provincial input on shoreline development, municipalities are going to have to arm themselves with more information and knowledge if they don't want to allow lakeside development to run rampant, says a water quality specialist who's represented both developers and development opponents.

"You'll have to look after your own ship or something will come along to cause it to leak," limnologist Michael Michalski recently told the Drag Lake Property Owners' Association when he presented his lake capacity study for Drag and Spruce (Art) Lakes.

Michalski successfully lobbied the province to research new environmentally-friendly ways of dealing with sewage in places where treatment plants are not available or affordable, and is on a committee overseeing the project. "It's ridiculous we develop around lakes knowing we will affect water quality because we can't treat sewage properly."

However, he warns that many existing water quality studies, including his own, are based primarily on septic system runoff predictions.

If septic systems no longer pollute, what will people support their objections to development with? It will be too easy for developers to say that with the new septic technology, development will have no impact on the lake environment.

"If new technology comes on

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Highland Games

Haliburton's own Legion Pipe Band, above, was among the performers who entertained the crowd at Head Lake Park during the games on Saturday. Bill Knox from Fort Erie, far right, who also judged and scored the heavy events competition at the Highland Games, competed in the events which included the stone throw. (Harry MacDonald, "the strongest man in the world," retains his title taking first place over his four competitors.) Maggie Keppie, right, shared her angelic voice with the Highland Games audience when she entertained with a few traditional Scottish tunes in both Gaelic and English.

EMERGENCY CALLS:

Getting help isn't as easy as dialing 9-1-1

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It sure isn't 9-1-1.

When Mary Hincks discovered that some road signs belonging to the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization had been stolen, she immediately picked up her phone to call the police.

That was the easy part.

First, she had to disregard the bright orange sticker her association had distributed, giving all the important emergency numbers. The toll-free number for the OPP had changed since the stickers had been printed.

So, she dialed the new number, 1-888-310-1122. A voice in Orillia answered and the questions began.

What township was she in? "Anson, Hindon and Minden." That's three townships (amalgamated to form a municipality). He needed a single township. She settled for Minden. (Anson and Hindon are to the north of Minden village.) How do you spell Kashagawigamog? What does N85 mean (as a lot identification number)?

"This was very, very frustrating," the LKO's past president told fellow members at Saturday night's annual general meeting at PineStone. "When I was finally through answering the questions, I was told someone from the Minden OPP detachment would get back to me. An hour and a half later, a constable phoned me but when I told him I was reporting the theft of road signs, he said I had to call back to the 1-888 number."

As a result, she warned the 100 or so members that when they had cause to phone the police, they'd better be prepared

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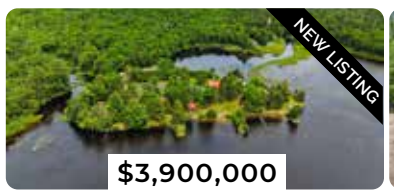

BED 5 | BATH 5+3 | MLS #X13521294

HWY 118 HALIBURTON

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KENNISIS LAKE

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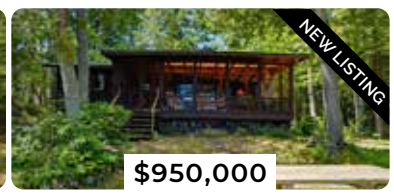

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GULL LAKE

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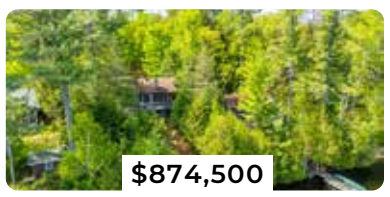

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HIGHWAY 35, MINDEN

BED 3 | BATH 2 | MLS #X12953212

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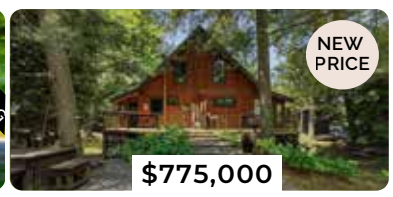

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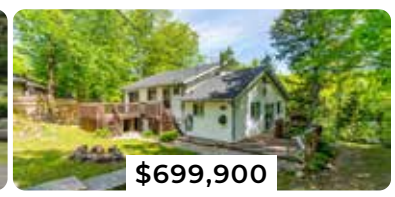
KUSHOG LAKE

BED 3 | BATH 1 | MLS #X13467324

LONG LAKE


BED 6 | BATH 1+1 | MLS #X13034386

KENNISIS RIVER

BED 3 | BATH 1 | MLS #X13135162

BIG BROTHER LAKE

BED 3 | BATH 1+1 | MLS #X1545278

REYNOLDS ROAD

BED 3 | BATH 2+1 | MLS #X13185368

SOUTH PORTAGE LAKE

BED 2 | BATH 1 | MLS #X13420872

HALIBURTON VILLAGE

BED 2 | BATH 2 | MLS #X13481332

ALLEN LAKE

BED 3 | BATH 2 | MLS #X13534376

WEST SETTLEMENT RD

BED 3 | BATH 1 | MLS #X13163216

SILVER BEACH

BED 2 | BATH 2 | MLS #X13113762

KUSHOG LAKE, HWY 35

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ALLEN LAKE

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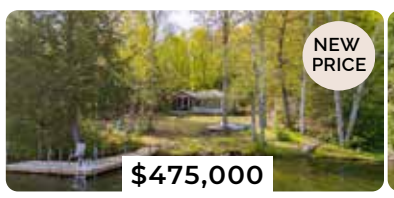
MONROCK LAKE


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LITTLE STRAGGLE LAKE

BED 3 | BATH 1 | MLS #X13222622

COUNTY ROAD 503

BED 2 | BATH 1 | MLS #X13111224

GLAMOR LAKE ROAD

BED 2 | BATH 1 | MLS #X13122288

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY

3.48 ACRES | MLS #X13113762

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REDSTONE LAKE
$455,000
31.19 Acres | MLS #X13527630

Adeline Trail
REDSTONE LAKE
$425,000
18.4 Acres | MLS #X13475286

Haliburton
BOUGHNER RD
$199,900
5.31 Acres | MLS #X13061996

Algonquin Highlands
BRADY LAKE RD
$199,900
0.48 Acres | MLS #X13129990

Eagle Lake
STILLS RD
$145,000
1.21 Acres | MLS #X13118448

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